

positioning the substantially transparent clear coat layer together with the colored layer and the tie layer in a vacuum forming apparatus;

vacuum forming the substantially transparent clear coat layer together with the colored layer and the tie layer into a three-dimensionally shaped preform; and

utilizing the three-dimensionally shaped preform as at least a portion of an exterior trim product.

C 34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the colored layer comprises TPO.

35. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the colored layer further comprises metallizing particles.

36. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the clear coat layer comprises a thermoplastic fluorinated polymer. --

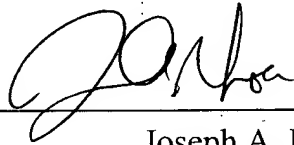
REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the instant application be amended as set forth above prior to initial examination thereof.

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